(a) whether Government are aware of the Judgement of the Supreme Court (vide W.P. (c) Nos. 2275-86 of 1982) directing that the employees of the statutory canteens in the railways be treated as Railway employees with effect from 22nd October, 1980;

(b) if so, whether Railway and Defence ministries have implemented the Supreme Court directive in respect of their employees in the statutory canteens in their respective ministries;

(c) whether the employees of the statutory canteen in the Department of Atomic Energy particularly in the MAPS Canteen at Kalpakkam at Madras, have been representing for treating them as Central Government employees with effect from 22nd October, 1980; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Representations have been received in 1982 regarding treating employees working in the Canteen at the Madras Atomic Power Project as Government servants in the light of a judgement of the Supreme Court dated 11.10.91 which refers to canteens attached to Central Government Offices. The Canteen at Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS) is attached to a Public Sector Enterprise namely Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) which was formed in 1987 i.e. prior to the judgement of 11.10.91 of Supreme Court. Hence, terms of employment of the canteen workers at the MAPS are regulated by the NPCIL. Further the matter relating to the status of Madras Atomic Power Station and Rajasthan Atomic Power Station canteen employees is before the Madras High Court and Central Administrative Tribunal, Jodhpur Bench respectively.

''ई सी'' टी. वी. के सेवा-केन्द्रों के अत्यधिक प्रभार

3059. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या ''ई सी'' टी. वी. के सेवा-केन्द्र अपने यहां ठेके पर कार्य करने वाले इंजीनियरों को भुगतान की जाने वाली राशि की तुलना में अपने ग्राहकों से सेवा प्रभारों के रूप में दुगनी राशि वसूल कर रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) सेवा-केन्द्रों द्वारा ग्राहकों से उतनी ही राशि वसूल करने के लिए जितनी राशि वास्तव में उनके इंजीनियरों को दी जाती है, क्या क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। ग्राहकों से लिए जाने वाले प्रभारों में न केवल ठेके पर काम करने वाले इंजीनियरों को किया जाने वाला भुगतान शामिल है बल्कि तुरंत सेवाएं सुनिश्चित करने के लिए देश के विभिन्न भागों में स्थित सेवा केन्द्रों के अनुरक्षण के लिए कम्पनी द्वारा किए जाने वाले खर्च को पूरा करना भी शामिल है।

(ग) यह प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Serious Accidents in DAE Nuclear Facilities

3060. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARDA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in ""The Pioneer" of 22nd April, 1994 to the effect that an estimated 200 accidents of a serious nature occurred in the nuclear facilities under Department of Atomic Energy;

(b) if so, what is the exact number of accidents; and

(c) the number of worker killed and/or hospitalized since the first Indian research reactor Apsra was commissioned in 1956?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The severity of events in nuclear plants is classified on a scale of 1 to 7. The upper levels of 4 to 7 are for events considered to be accidents. The accidents at Chernobyl nuclear power station was rated at level 7. The lower levels 1 to 3 are for less severe events which fall in the category of incidents. Events which have no safety significance are classified at level and are termed deviations. As per this